## **CLAIMS:**

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- 2. (previously canceled)
- 3. (currently amended) A nucleic acid synthesizer, comprising:
  - a) one or more reaction chambers, wherein said reaction chambers comprise one or more nucleic acid synthesis columns; and
  - b) a heating component configured to heat said one or more reaction chambers during a synthesis reaction.
- 4. (original) The nucleic acid synthesizer of Claim 3, wherein said heating component comprises a resistance heater.
- 5. (original) The nucleic acid synthesizer of Claim 3, wherein said heating component comprises a Peltier device.
- 6. (original) The nucleic acid synthesizer of Claim 3, wherein said heating component comprises a heated reagent.
- 7. (original) The nucleic acid synthesizer of Claim 3, wherein said heating component comprises a magnetic induction device.
- 8. (original) The nucleic acid synthesizer of Claim 3, wherein said heating component comprises microwaves.
- 9. (original) The nucleic acid synthesizer of Claim 3, wherein said heating component comprises a transfer of heat from a fluid or a gas.
- 10. (currently amended) A nucleic acid synthesizer, comprising:
  - a) one or more reaction chambers containing an oligonucleotide, wherein said reaction chambers containing an oligonucleotide comprise one or more nucleic acid synthesis columns; and
  - b) a heating component[, wherein said heating component is configured to heat said one or more reaction chambers during a synthesis reaction wherein said oligonucleotide is coupled to a synthesis reagent] configured to heat said one or more reaction chambers containing an oligonucleotide during a synthesis reaction.